

The Bulletin



BAWLF SCHOOL
Achieving Excellence

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Upcoming Events:

January 29	Semester break – School Closed
February 1	First day of classes, for Quarter 3
February 1	Report cards go home, K-12
February 4	Mad Platter hot lunch
February 4	Early dismissal @ 1:44 p.m.
February 4	Online parent-teacher conferences K-8
February 11 & 12	Teachers Convention – School Closed
February 15	Family Day – School Closed
February 18	Subway hot lunch

Next Bulletin: February 24th

Notes From Administration *Mr. Dimond & Mr. Chanasyk*

Happy January, Wildcats! As the temperatures drop in this last little bit, it is a reminder to us to keep active and safe. Please remember to make sure we have weather appropriate clothing for our Alberta winter. With the restrictions in place from the provincial government, we are seeing a great job being done by our students and families around keeping each other safe. Please remember to continue using the daily assessment checklist so that we can all continue to maintain our in school learning.

Report cards will be handed out for our second quarter completion on February 1st. We thank the teachers for the feedback and support in making sure all of our students are pushing for Excellence in everything that they do.

Our parent-teacher conferences will be in an online format at this time and are slated for Thursday, February 4th from 3:30-6:00 p.m. for our families of ECS-Grade 8 students. Please look for a Google form to book times with the teachers in Grades 7 and 8. The elementary teachers will be

contacting families for times that will work for these interviews. As our Grade 9-12 students will be transitioning into new courses on February 1st, their interview dates will be for Wednesday, March 3rd.

For parents of students in Grades 7-12, please complete the survey around the Quarter system timetable for this current year. We would appreciate your feedback as we begin planning for the year 2021/22. We have looked at its usage this year and would like to hear the voices of our students, parents and staff around this. The closing date for that survey is February 1st.

We will be welcoming two new students to our school in the third quarter. Hyewon Yang and Muyu Tanaka, from Korea and Japan respectively, will be joining our Wildcat community after their extensive quarantine period. Please join us in showing them how wonderful our school community can be.

Senior high students have access to myPass and myBlueprint to keep track of their courses and grades and to help prepare them for life after high school. myPass is run by Alberta Education and has the official credit count and has a checklist students can look at to see how they are progressing towards graduation. Students should go into myPass after Quarter 2 to see that their courses are in there and to see their credit count. This is a great resource for future planning and all high school students should be fluent in its' usage.

We are still doing preliminary planning on our class farewell for the 2020/21 school year. We have booked the hall for April 23rd for the individual graduation pictures. This is in preparation of government restrictions being lifted. If that does not happen, we will have to move to contingency plans.

Thank you all for sending us your great kids and we appreciate everyone working together to make this a school of excellence.



School News

🐾 **Absent or Late students?** Getting picked up early? We appreciate all the parents who email this information to us, however we are asking that when emailing, please include the homeroom teacher as well as both Administrative Assistants. Both of them do not work every day so we don't want to miss any emails with this information. Serickson@brsd.ab.ca and bszott@brsd.ab.ca. Thank you!!

🐾 **Kindergarten Registrations now accepted for 2021-2022 school year** ~ It is already that time! We are now accepting registration forms for ECS for the 2021-2022 school year. Kindergarten is designed for children who will be five years of age on or before December 31, 2021. Mrs. Thomsen, our Kindergarten teacher, will hopefully be having an orientation class for all pre-registered Kindergarten students, but it will be dependent on Covid protocols. This is designed to help new Kindergarten students become familiar with the school prior to the beginning of the school year. Orientation day for new ECS students will be held prior to the end of the school year. If we are unable to hold this event, pre-recorded videos of all items will be sent via email to all parents.

We are also accepting registrations for any students that will be new to Bawlf School for the 2020-2021 school year, grades one to twelve.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Bawlf School office (please call ahead) or found either on the Bawlf School or Battle River School Division websites.

Copies of birth certificates are required as part of the registration package, as well as legal land description and your 9-1-1 address. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Bawlf School at (780)373-3784.

🐾 **Christmas Luncheon** ~ although a bit late and looking a lot different, we still managed to have our favourite holiday meal! Thank you to Mad Platter Catering for being so accommodating and making this happen. Plus, it was all very delicious! On Tuesday, January 12th and Thursday, January 14th, we all enjoyed this traditional, and most favourite, meal of the school year. Hopefully next Christmas will look more normal.

🐾 **School Fees** – Fees for Term 2 have now been applied and were sent home on Monday. Please note the instructions on the bottom of the statement to pay online if you wish. The only fees that were assigned were only for Junior High Complex classes and High School Art. JH & HS fees for the upcoming Term 3 will be applied sometime in early March.

🐾 **Lifetouch school pictures** – A reminder to mark March 23rd on your calendar as this is the date for individual school pictures. At this time, class pictures will not be taken.

🐾 **Ranch Camp** ~ funds raised for last year's (2019-2020) Gr 5 & 6 classes for the purpose of attending Ranch Camp have been moved in to their own account. This balance will be available for them for next year (in 2021-2022 when they are respectively in Grades 7 & 8) for them to do a field trip at that time.

🐾 **Class Farewell info for Grade 12's** ~ Class Farewell is scheduled for **Friday, May 28, 2021**. Moving into 2021, the administration will be organizing a few scenarios over the coming months for this celebration. AHS Restrictions and safety will be the determining factor.

The Grade 12 pictures that are on **Friday, April 23rd**. This is a Staff Collaboration Day so there are no classes that day. In addition, the pictures will be taken at the **Bawlf Community Hall** on main street, not at the school.

Cost for each student will be \$25 for the sitting fee. This is payable to the school. Please do not send payment until we are certain this is going ahead. Any reordering of pictures will be done through Smart Photography by each student. Black gowns will be provided through Smart Photography. They will be laundered and pre-packaged for each student.

No flowers will be provided.

No caps will be provided. If you would like a cap, you will have to purchase your own and bring it with you. If ordering, it is recommended to order right away. Here is a Canadian website that carries them: <https://www.gradcanada.ca/>

Sometime in March, a schedule will be sent out for students to sign up online. Available appointments will begin at 10:00 and end at 2:00, as they will have two cameras going.

🐾 **BEARD BE GONE! Who wants to see Mr. Chanasyk's beard disappear?** The Bawlf HSSU is hosting a February Food Drive for Neighbour Aid in Camrose and the division with the most items will choose the fate of Mr. Chanasyk's beard! Collection boxes in each classroom are to be filled from February 1st to 19th.

Division 1 (K-Gr 3)

Pasta & sauce
Soup & soup crackers
Baby food/Baby formula

Division 2 (Gr 4-6)

Canned meats
Canned vegetables
Powdered milk

Division 3 (JH)


Juice boxes
Fruit cups

Pudding cups
Granola bars

Division 4 (HS)

Toilet paper
Soap
Shampoo
Deodorant
Feminine Hygiene products

Also, every Friday in February will be Hat Day! Donate a minimum of \$1 each Friday to wear your hat all day. Proceeds to support Neighbour Aid in Camrose.

 **Yearbooks** for the 2020-2021 school year are available for ordering. Delivery will be in the fall. Cost is \$30 per book, payable to Bawlf School. Let the office know if you wish to pay for it online. The sooner the better as once they are all spoken for, that is all there is!

From the Learning Commons

Family Literacy Day - January 27, 2021

We will be celebrating Family Literacy Day at school during the weeks of January 25th - February 4th.

- Stories and an activity will be shared with Grades ECS - 3.
- ***Kevin Miller, the Canadian author of the Milligan Creek Book Series***, will be joining the Grade 4 class on Thursday, February 4th from 9:00 - 10:00 am for a Virtual Classroom Visit. He will introduce students to his books and himself, then teach a core creative writing skill such as how to come up with a concept for a story, how to create a character, etc. This is followed by a reading from one of his books and a Q & A session.

Please see the attachment at the end of this bulletin on - ***Celebrating Family Literacy Day 2021 Virtually with Barbara Reid, author & illustrator***, to register for a FREE event for students in Grades 1-6. She also has other resources available to download for Family Literacy Day 2021 like an activity booklet and a bookmark.

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Wipf's Greenhouse Fundraiser

We are excited to be doing this fundraiser again this year. The order form, as well as some photos of the plants, can be found in the attachments. Rosa has added some new varieties of plants to the fundraiser this year! Orders can be emailed to bestfoundation91@gmail.com, or sent back to the school. Deadline for orders is February 17th, e-transfer is the preferred method of payment. E-transfer

to bestfoundation91@gmail.com. Plants will be available for pick up after the May long weekend. If you have any further questions please feel free to text Corina @ 403-603-0319.

Casino Fundraiser

The BEST Foundation casino fundraiser has not been cancelled yet. We still need to plan as if it is going ahead. I am in need of at least three more volunteers. If you are available February 16 or 17, please let me know as soon as possible.

Parent Council

We hope that everyone had a nice break and is settling back into the groove at school. Council decided to not meet in January but will be meeting again in March. More information to come closer to the date. Thank you to the parent volunteers that went to help Mad Platter with the Christmas lunch. We are also happy to announce that the hot lunch program will be up and running again soon. February 4th will be the first date. Please check Healthy Hunger for more dates and options. An email was sent to families regarding the program. If you have any questions please email bawlschoolcouncil@gmail.com.

Check us out on our website!

<https://bawlf.brsd.ab.ca>

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